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Craig Fugate, Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
500 C Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20472

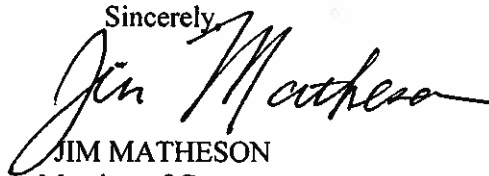
Dear Administrator Fugate,

In the aftermath of extreme weather in Washington and Kane Counties on December 20-24, 2010, severe flooding forced evacuation of towns and displacement of hundreds of local residents. Also, significant damage to vital infrastructure including roads, utility systems, parks and trails occurred from the flooding.

In response, on January 19, 2011, Governor Gary Herbert sent a letter to President Obama which is under review by FEMA Regional Administration, requesting a major disaster declaration for the State of Utah and Public Assistance for Washington and Kane Counties. I strongly support the Governor's request and would add my own for immediate federal assistance to aid local recovery from eligible accounts within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

I look forward to hearing from you regarding FEMA's plan to provide timely assistance to my state and constituents in Washington and Kane Counties. If you need further information or have questions, please contact Kristen Lingley on my staff at 202-225-3011.

Sincerely,


JIM MATHESON
Member of Congress